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Dear Sirs:

In reference to Docket #98N-1038, we are concerned that food treated with radiation be labeled so that consumers can be aware of what has happened to the food they are buying. There needs to be the radura symbol along with a statement indicating that the food was treated with radiation. Since irradiation destroys vitamins and causes other changes in the food, consumers need to be aware of these changes. Some of the new chemical substances created by radiation are known carcinogens. We are concerned also that the use of irradiation may change the need for cleanliness in the processing of food products because the radiation kills some bacteria. The long term effects of eating irradiated food are unknown. We therefore request that it be mandatory to label all irradiated food as mentioned above so that consumers will know the risks involved in using irradiated products. Consumers should not have to ingest these potentially harmful foods unaware of the dangers involved.

We request your immediate attention to this matter so that we are not exposed to one more risk as consumers.

Sincerely,

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